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### CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-eighth annual general Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Saturday, April 4, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby re-

The general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Saturday. April 4, at 7 o'clock p. m.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND. First Presidency.

The annual conference of the Sunday School Union will be held in the Tabernacle on Sunday, April 5, at 7 o'clock

JOSEPH F. SMITH, General Superintendent.

### RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The April conference of the General Relief society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly hall in this city, meetings commencing on Thursday, April 2, 1908, at 10 a. m., and at 2 p, m., and on Friday, April 3, at the same place and the same hours, two sessions each day. All officers and members of the society are earnestly requested to be present. The Young Ladies and Primary associations are also included in this invitation. Presiding authorities of the Church, bishops and brethren interested in Relief Society work will BATHSHEBA W. SMITH,

President. ANNIE TAYLOR HYDE, IDA SMOOT DUSENBERRY, Counselors.

### THE VENEZUELA CASE.

The case between this country and Venezuela is one that ought to be submitted to arbitration. It is not a case of "vital interest" to either country, is "national honor" involved. President Castro seems to be unwilling to have the matter settled amicably, and Secretary Root has given our representative instructions to present the American claims rather forcibly. "You will call the attention of the government of Venezuela, Secretary Root says, to the fact that notwithstanding the long and unbroken friendship manafested by the United States for Vene zuela, notwithstanding the repeated occasions upon which the United States has intervened as a friend in need to relieve Venezuela from disagreeable and dangerous complications with other . the government foreign powers . of Venezuela has within the past few years practically confiscated or destroyed all the substantial property interests of Americans in that coun-

The principal sufferer from Venezuela's anti-American policy is The New York and Bermunda company. This company has just issued a statement of its case. It is a volume containing 250 pages.

The company denies the allegations of the Venezuelan agents, that it has tuken any part in revolutions. It claims that it has been the victim of conspiracies at Caracas to despoil it of its property; that the means used for this purpose were employed and controlled by the government; that adverse titles to parts of the company's asphalt lake were issued and offered for sale by the government; that an offer of these titles to its own property was made to the company, which was kindly afforded the "first chance" to buy one of them

In the company's statement it is admitted that "the region in which the company's asphalt lake was situated was constantly swept by revolutionary bands to whom the company was often forced in self defense to supply food in small quantities and sometimes to do other small services. It admits that it paid to General Matos certain sums of money, this payment being made for the protection of its property during the continuance of the revolution and for the protection of its just rights thereafter, in case the revolution succeeded, but 'without any understanding or obligation with respect to | objects of historical and scientific in-

This seems to have furnished the government an excuse for interfering. On June 8, 1904, the company received information that the Venezuelan gov- of the State. The Society proposes to ernment had demanded of it the payment of the sum of 50,000,000 bolivars. or else the payment of 19,000,000 and the surrender of its property, as an alternative of being sued for the annulment of the Hamilton concession, as ogy. It expects to excavate one imwell as for damages for failure to perform its obligations and for aid to the

The question from the Venezuelan point of view looks father more grave. In a brochure of about 175 pages, the "trust" is accused of trying "to oust formation from a circular just issued. Castro," the president of Venezuela, and proofs are offered in support of

that alelgation. The matter should be submitted to ters a stage in which hot passion gets the best of reason.

### WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

The St. Louis Times announces Its intention of excluding from its columns the names of children hauled before the Juvenile court. This is a rule that could be adopted with benefit to the public by all the newspapers of the country. The parading of the names of juvenile offenders in the public prints can do no good to anybody, but it certainly may be an obstacle in the way

of reform. One great problem before those who have charge of juvenile offenders is how to obtain work for them when they leave the reform institution. A brand has been put on them, which years of honest effort cannot, in the minds of some people who fancy they never did sin, blot out. The publicity given to juvenile court proceedings only impresses that brand still deeper and makes the reform problem all the more

difficult of solution. Those who have studied child training know that the morality of children cannot be improved by publicity given o their faults and shortcomings. Most children have a keen sense of honor and also of justice. They can be made to see that transgression necessarily brings certain evil consequences, but if the trainer will sympathize with them in the punishment and do what he can to shield them from the dishonor of making a public exhibition of their moral weaknesses, he will succeed much better, in most cases, than he will do by harsh, unsympathetic and indiscreet treatment. A boy's sense of honor is the best ally of the educator, and it

useless publicity. The question raised by the Times ought to be taken up all over the coun-The silence of one paper would not have great effect in the desired direction, but if a majority of papers would agree not to report juvenile court proceedings, unless when exceptional cases demand publicity, the cause of juvenile redemption would be rendered a distinct service.

should not be needlessly wounded by

### ANARCHISM.

The time is hardly auspicious for the appearance on the lecture platform of speakers who are known to be anarchists. The world has witnessed too many outbreaks of violence, lately to listen patiently to inflammatory harangues. The sound of hissing bombs has startled humanity frequently, and the guardians of law and order naturally are on the alert. Miss Emma Goldman can, therefore, not take exception to any objection she may encounter on the part of police authorities, to her appearance in public. The Haymarket outrage and the assassina tion of President McKinley, and other public men are events in the history of our country, not easily forgotten. And the dastardly outrage in New York the other day is a new reminder of the presence of raging fires below the surface of society, that must be controlled.

How to exercise efficient control is the problem. Despotism and despotic methods have falled, as is evident from the experience of Russia. That country has had more anarchist outrages than any other country notwithstanding the wholesale massacres and individual executions by government sanction. Freedom and democratic institutions have not provided a sure safeguard. The only course that does not interfere with freedom of speech, seems to be to watch anarchist speakers and writers and take action against them first when they violate the law in anything they preach and teach. Freedom of speech does not mean freedom to teach assassination or the de- | plete his memoirs, which will cover his

It is not always remembered that the term anarchist applies to a number of persons with the most divergent views on almost every topic. They all hold that government ought to be abolished, but they differ in everything else. Tolstoi, for instance, is classed as an anarchist, but he is opposed to any form of violence. He believes in non-resistance, while Kropotkin advocates revolution. It is evident, therefore, that no general rule can be laid down for the treatment of all ananarchists. They are as different as can be, and must be treated accord-

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

During the year 1997 the Archaeological Institute of America conducted no less than five field expeditions: One in the "Mount Region" of Missouri, and four in the Southwest, in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. The plans for the future contemplate excavations in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona. Investigations will be continued in the Mound Region in the Mississippi Valley, and work will be prosecuted in Alaska with a view to finding the vestiges of migrations to the New World from Asia. In Old Mexico efforts will be made to recover the survivals of archaic ceremonies that still exist among the descendants of the ancient people. Arrangements have been completed for excavations in one of the ancient cities of Central America. Plans are also being matured for researches in the archives of Spain for historical documents relating to America.

The Utah Society has been active in providing for the protection and preservation of all remains of antiquity in Utah, and for the setting aside of terest in the State as National Monuments. It has maintained a field expedition during the past year for the study of the ruins in the southern part continue the systematic study of the ruins of Utah and the adjoining States in collaboration with the institutions of the State as a part of the general plan of work in American Archaeolportant group of ruins in Southern Utah the coming summer. All field work will be under the supervision of Director Hewett. We believe this work is of general interest to our readers, and therefore reproduce this in-

### MME. MOUNTFORD.

Many of our readers will remember arbitration before the controversy en- | Mme. Mountford, the gifted lady who, some years ago, appeared in the Tabernacle here and lectured on Palestine

and customs of the people in the Holy Land, thus furnishing the most intelligible commentary on many of the difficult passages of the Scriptures, We notice in eastern papers that the lady has recently given a series of lectures in Paterson and Passaic. The Pater son Guardian of March 12, says:

"The closing lecture of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. course was given by Madam Mountford last right in the First Baptist church. The subject was the 'Life of Christ.' The lecture throughout was a splendid life-like picture of the more prominent scenes in the life of Jesus, and it is no doubt Madam Mountford's greatest lecture. With many beautiful Oriental Illustrations and strong dramatic delivery, the lecturer held her audience spellbound at times.

bound at times.

"Madam Mountford's visit to Paterson has been of great value to Bible students, and the opportunity to hear from one who has not only visited many times the land of Holy Writ, but one who has lived in Palestine for over twenty years, is a rare one. No doubt the few lectures that are to be given at the Second Presbyterian church next week before the Madam leaves for other engagements will be well attended. Madam Mountford's work is unique. Her lectures make rk is unique. Her lectures make Bible a living message to the peo-

The Christian Advocate of March

has this notice "Madame Lydla M. Von Finkelstein "Madame Lydia M. Von Finkelstein Mountford has delivered twenty lectures in Paterson and Passaic during the last two or three weeks. She now lectures without the splendid costumes which she formerly displayed, having perfected her lectures to such an extent that with voice and gestures she can communicate the ideas to all attentive hearers. Her lectures are crowded and her remuneration is obtained by collections. No one lecturing on Palestine and other parts of Syria nor on Bible themes is more interesting and instructive than she."

We trust Mrs. Mountford's engagenents will permit her to extend her lecture tour to the West, where she has many friends and admirers.

Did "That Boy" fool you this morn-

The yellow journals were right after all-Anna Gould is to be a princess after all, if she is not already.

As in most cases, there appears to have been a woman in the submarine boat scandal. Mr. Lilley says she was employed to influence senators.

Now comes one Isaac Rice charging that the Lilley inquiry was started by a rival boat company, thus making the scandal more foul. .

Even the press is to be excluded at

the Abruzzi wedding in Rome. How

society will get along without a descrip-

tion of the bride's gown is hard to im-To say that the strike now on in Pennsylvania will not do any harm is like saying that to hit a man on the

read with a piece of coal won't hur

him if the missile is soft coal.

Why does not the City auditor furnsh the report he is under legal obligation to prepare and publish? If the court were appealed to, to compel him to do his duty, what excuse could he make for having ignored the law which requires him to give that report eefore the first Monday in February

From Washington comes the report that Justice Jonan M. Harlan of the supreme court is to retire at the expiration of the present term of the supreme court. Justice Harlan has been a member of that tribunal for the past thirty years. One of his chief reasons for desiring to retire is that he may have an opportunity to com-

### OH, THESE MISSIONARIES.

New York Evening Sun. New York Evening Sun.

Secretary Hay, who was noted for his international altruism, decided that Turkey was not responsible for the acts of brigands and therefore could not justly be compelled to reimburse certain citizens of this country who contributed to the ransom of Miss Stone, However, this lady herself, being of a grateful disposition and conscious of worth in the eyes of the nation, recently asked the administration to effect the reimbursement with the people's money, and the administration has now very properly submitted the request to Congress. Well, although it's hard times, properly submitted the request to Congress. Well, although it's hard times, the bill is only for \$66,000 and we guess we can stand for it. Oh, these mission aries!

### CUI BONO?

Los Angeles Express,

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The argument that men cannot be made good by legislation is the familiar weapon of all who would defend such social evils as the saloon and gambling. It has the merit of being absolutely true. The wit of man never devised a statute that of itself worked a change in character. But while men cannot be made good by legislation, by it they can be delivered from temptation. That prayer of generations, "Our Father," does not beseech that goodness be conferred by divine act—"deliver us from temptation" is the burden of the supplication, Frank Carlson, a young man, was sentenced yesterday to serve five years in the penitentiary at San Quentin. Recetrack gambling made a crook of him, Legislation prohibiting such gambling in this state might not have made Carlson a good man, but in delivering him from temptation it might have prevented him from becoming a bad man. Scarcely a day passes that does not add its evidence of ruined lives to attest the frightfully destructive power of this agency of evil. What good wrought by it can compensate for the wrecking of even one man's life? the wrecking of even one man's life?

### WANTS AN EXTRA SESSION.

Kansas City Star.

The fact that the regular session is so ear an end suggests that Congress may be called in extra session, unless old work is done the remaining weeks the present sitting. If the regular sion ends with no greater accompsession ends with no greater accomp-lishment than is now promised, an ex-tra session would be entirely justifi-able, for it would define and accentuate the responsibility for action or inaction. It would show to the country how far the arbitrary dictation of the speaker of the house or of the oligarchy of the senate interferes with needed legisla-tion, and it would enlighten the constit-uents of the several members as to the attitudes of their representatives.

### JUST FOR FUN.

Kracker. She looks like a saint while sh') this her Easter hat. Bocker. And he looks like the devil while he plans how he is going to pay for it.—New York Sun.

One of Them. "Confound it!" cried the angry hus-

band, "any old thing appeals to you if it's only cheap!" His bargain-hunting wife grimly

Don't forget," she sarcastically reked, 'that you yourself are one of characteristic investments,"—Cleve-

The Sobering Effect of Intoxication.
Old Man (whose thoughts have been urned by whisky to controversial topcs)—Can 'e tell me, squire, the differnce between "contracting out" and
'non-provided" schools?
Squire—Ga away home my man and

Squire-Go away home, my man, and ome to me again when you're sober. Old Man—Sober? Nobody cares for hem sort o' things when 'e's sober!—

The Increased Burden.
"I hear that Jords' four daughters be married."

re married."
"Is that so? I suppose he's glad he's ot them off his hands."
"Not exactly. He now has to keep our husbands on their feet. '—Brooklyn

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Harper's Weekly for March 28 is conspicuous for the variety of its con-tents. The question of the preserva-tion of the forests of the United States s dealt with in an authoritative man-ner by Roland Phillips, who contrib-ties a well-informed and most strik-ng article on the subject. It is fully ng article on the subject. It is fully llustrated. Sydney Brooks discusses 'Corruption in England' in an article in the course of which he draws some startling conclusions. The work of the army signal corps is interestingly described by William Inglis; and Victor Rousseau has a vivid and sympathetic interview with the author of one of the most conspicuous novels of the sason—Rey Beach, where now one of the most conspicuous novels of the season—Rex Beach, whose new story of Alaskan life has just been published.—Harper & Bros., New York.

Ainslee's for April has a fine collecion of stories, poems, and essays. complete novel is a mystery story by Henry Gallup Palne, and is called "The Foreinger." The scene of the story is laid in New York. Ada Woodruft Anderson has a fine western story called "The Government of Miss Silvia." It is a love-story with an intricate but well-developed plot, full of interest and glowing with western color. Mary H. Vorse has another of her funder of the funder o Mary H. Vorse has another of her funny child interest stories called "Fishbalt and Wives." A story of unique interest is one by Cosmo Hamilton called "A Very Ordinary Affair." A story of interest is one called "The Power Behind the Throne," by Hilda Mable. This number contains many other stories different from the accustomed lines of fiction.—79-89 Seventh Ave., New York.

In the People's Magazine for April there is a great variety of good fiction. The magazine consists of 192 pages of stories, and an additional 32 page supplement of stage pictures, with which is connected a departmental review of plays. It contains a complete novel of romance by Clinton Dangerfield; a novelette dealing with the occult by Winona Godfrey; an amusing department-store story by Leo Crane; a tale with real western flavor by R. C. Pitzer; a detective story by Emily Wright Maynadier; a humorous actor story by Ashley Miller, and many others.—79-89 Seyenth avenue, New York.

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